



# District 2 Update

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## Ocean Beach/Point Loma Communities Reach Goals

*Many of the buildings at the former Naval Training Center will be preserved to create a 361-acre cultural center in the park.*



This month the California Coastal Commission approved the plan for the redevelopment of the Naval Training Center — a plan that was developed through 7 1/2 years of community meetings, input from various community groups and approval by hundreds of citizens in District 2. The Commission's approval was part of the longer process that provided modifications along the way and has made the NTC reuse plan a model for other base reuse plans across the country. The project will continue to move forward through an approval process before being finalized by the San Diego City Council at a future date.



*Ocean Beach improvements have made the area a family-friendly and safe beach.*

Councilmember Wear is pleased that the Coastal Commission's approval has validated the hours and years of citizen input that has brought the reuse plan thus far. The plan calls for preservation of the historic core and some of the parameter, an arts and culture component, educational complexes, housing and recreational facilities.

For more information, view [www.sannet.gov/ntc](http://www.sannet.gov/ntc).

In Ocean Beach, Councilmember Wear successfully fought for the removal of

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**Focus in July: Mission Bay and Pacific Beach**



*This campground, in  
the heart of the city,  
provides low-cost  
swimming, beach,  
and camping  
experiences for youth  
groups  
right here,  
only minutes from  
their homes..”  
Councilmember  
Byron Wear*

## Away From It All: San Diego’s Urban Youth Campground

Youth in San Diego are able to get “away from it all” by simply heading to Fiesta Island in the heart of the city. The Fiesta Island Youth Camp is available for a any organized youth group for overnight camping in a beach setting. The campground holds up to 400 campers, with less than 100 parking spaces. The camp was dedicated by Councilmember Wear in the Spring of 2000.

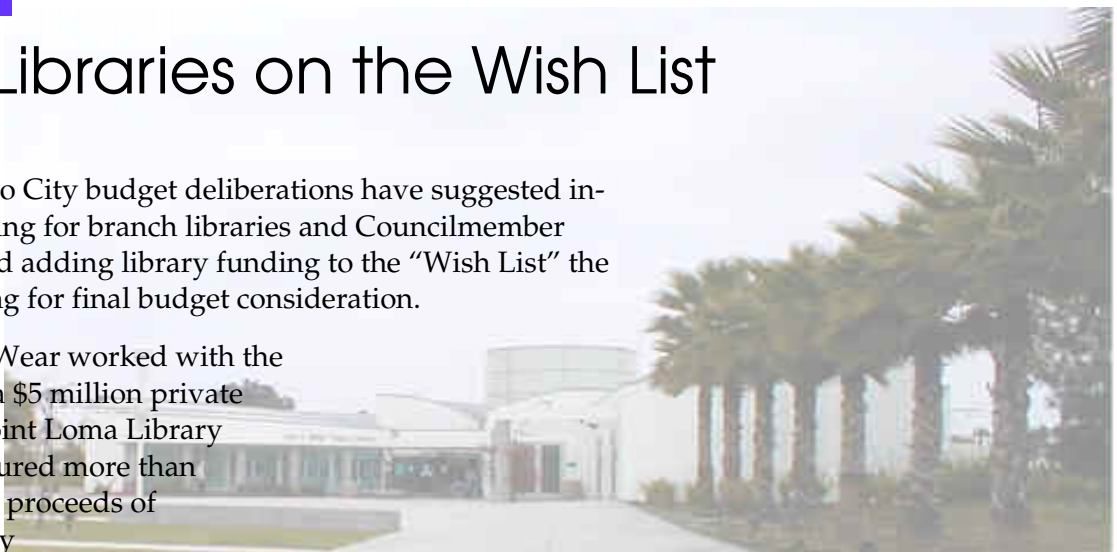
The campsite clusters cost \$48.50 per night and can accommodate an average of 12 campers. Each has a barbeque and picnic tables. A central restroom has water availability and rinsing showers (no hot water). Overlooking the bay is an amphitheatre, which has an accessible platform and bonfire ring.

Ranger Henry Mendibles is the head ranger for Fiesta Island and he is available to talk about water quality and conservation issues to youth groups who are camping. Reservations must be made no less than 10 days in advance by calling the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department at 619-221-8910.

## Branch Libraries on the Wish List

Current San Diego City budget deliberations have suggested increases in the funding for branch libraries and Councilmember Wear has supported adding library funding to the “Wish List” the Council is compiling for final budget consideration.

Councilmember Wear worked with the Hervey family for a \$5 million private donation for the Point Loma Library expansion, and secured more than \$2 million from the proceeds of downtown property



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a billboard at Sunset Cliffs and West Point Loma Blvd. In addition, trees were planted on Voltaire, Abbott and Sunset Cliffs and utilities were undergrounded.

The Robb Field Skateboard Park has completed its first year of operation, allowing for Peninsula youths to indulge in the sport to their fill.

Improvements to the Ocean Beach Pier have also been completed. Councilmember Wear was able to obtain funding to replace and improve the OB Pier restrooms. In addition, Byron found a funding mechanism that would provide for long-term maintenance of the OB Pier.

In the current budget process, which ends at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2001, Councilmember Wear has proposed increased funding for the Coastal Infrastructure Fund, which sets aside money normally allocated to the General Fund to finance improvements for sand, lights, parking lots, restrooms and other public beach facilities.

Councilmember Wear has identified a number of needs in Point Loma and in Ocean Beach that he is working to accomplish and invites your comments. Constituents in Point Loma can be assisted in the District 2 office by Joe Freedman, and constituents in Ocean Beach can contact Jeff Van Deerlin at 236-6622.



## Meet Our Staff Members

**Jeff Van Deerlin** is the Council Representative for the beach and bay areas of District 2. Jeff has worked for Councilmember Wear since the beginning of his term in 1995. Jeff is an expert in public policy and consensus building, as well as crafting solutions to constituent concerns. Jeff also is the staff member who handles the budget discussions and the Community Development Block Grant allocations.

**Joe Freedman, Esq.,** is the representative for Point Loma, Midway and NTC areas. He is also the staff support for the Natural Resources & Culture Committee. Other issues handled by Joe include the North Bay Redevelopment, the Housing Commission and Arts & Culture Commission. Prior to working for District 2, Joe was a corporate attorney and, for many years, headed his own private legal practice.



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## Curbside Recycling to be Instituted City-wide

The final phase of curbside recycling will be coming to areas of District 2 in Downtown, Little Italy and Pacific Beach, as well as other neighborhoods city-wide.

Residents will be notified with a packet from Environmental Services that the blue recycling receptacles will be delivered in the Fall of 2001. The containers can hold newspapers, junk mail and clean paper, aluminum cans, plastic bottles as well as glass and steel food and beverage containers. Please call 858-694-7000 for more information.

## Point Loma Concert Series

**Fridays 6—8 pm**

**Pt. Loma Park (Catalina & Varona)**

Friday June 29, 6 pm

**The Westwind Brass**

Five piece Brass Chamber Music Ensemble

Friday July 6, 6 pm

**Glen Fisher and the GoManGo Invasion Orchestra**

Brazilian and Latin Jazz and Blues

Friday July 13, 6 pm

**The U.S. Navy Band Southwest "Pops"**

Forty-five member wind and brass band salutes America

Friday July 20, 6 pm

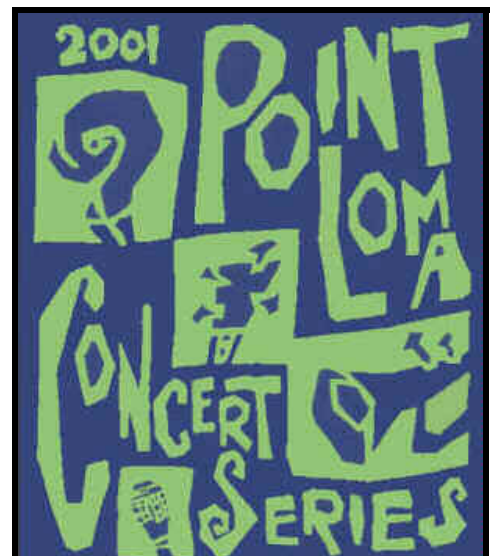
**The Peter Sprague Samba**

Pop, Jazz and Classical Guitar

Friday July 27, 6 pm

**The Surf Kings**

Five 5 piece Southern California Beach Band. Cowabunga!



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